

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL (AVAC)

San Luis Obispo County, CA

MINUTES (Draft)

January 9, 2017

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1. **Call to Order:** by Chair, Ken San Filippo for regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m., PG&E Community Center. **Roll Call:** Lisa Newton, Mary Matakovich, Anne Brown (alt), Julia Hartzell, Mary El Hansen, Marti Brand (alt), Sherri Danoff, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Mike Grantham, , Karla Bittner (alt), Lynn Walter (alt), Mike Casola, Kirt Collins **Excused:** Denise Allen, Saul Goldberg, Steve Fiant **Quorum established.**
 2. **Approve Minutes:** Motion/2nd (Danoff/Thompson) to approve December 12, 2016 Minutes: Unanimous approval.
 3. **Chair's Comments: Ken San Filippo:** Consensus to move New Business a) Election of Officers to Chair's Comments: Unanimous approval: Motion/2nd (Newton/Matakovich) to approve nominated slate for 2017 AVAC Board: Chair, Ken San Filippo; Vice Chair, Jim Hartig; Secretary, Karla Bittner; Treasurer, Julia Hartzell. Unanimous approval. New officers assume control of meeting.
 4. **Public Comments:**
 - a) **Steve Connor:** 6 yr. Avila resident: 2nd Street construction problematic—parking, noise, safety. More recent project creating more construction contractor issues. Third project coming on line with more issues. All residents frustrated.
 - b) **Beverly Aho:** 2nd Street resident: Peaceful street invaded with construction traffic. San Luis Street project has chain link in street. Request for someone to manage construction issues.
 - c) **Andy Cline-Smith :** Resident who built in 2005. 2nd Street is staging area for construction and contractors and subs are not courteous to residents. Constant project changes are making the project more difficult.
 - d) **Casey Wood: resident tenant:** 2nd Street project has no regard for any residents; creating parking issues and general chaos.
 - e) **Bret Cline-Smith:** Apt. shares wall with units under construction. Parking is always an issue. 7 units are already creating parking issues. Vacation units should have more parking. The contractors have used neighboring resident water.
 - f) **Edward Learner:** Avila resident: AB apartments have parking issue. Safety issue for children. 2nd Street has visibility issues. Public safety at issue.
 - g) **Pat Cann:** Avila resident with vehicle damage from construction trucks.
- Supervisor Adam Hill addresses working with Public Works to resolve many issues listed above. Contact Wendel Wilkes at 781-5118 in Public Works or Hanna in Hill's office at 781-4336 with concerns. Developers will be contacted and if recurring incidents occur, sites will be shut down.
5. **Treasurer's Report: Julia Hartzell:** Balance of \$524.05; \$25.18 nameplates; \$10 bank fee. AVAC application will be made for funds donation from Adam Hill.

6. **County Reports:**

- a) **Sheriff: Commander Jim Taylor:** i) In last 30 days, 55 calls for service. Last year was 87. Six traffic stops; No vandalism; 3 burglaries (2 in vehicles at Bob Jones Parking lot). Believe suspects are on foot, or bicycles. Homeless likely suspects because stolen credit cards not used. ii) Three groups doing burglaries. iii) Parking issues fall under Highway Patrol. iv) Trespassing must be posted with No Trespassing signs or fence for legal action. Theft of utilities includes water and is an offense. Sheriff will handle.
- b) **Highway Patrol: Capt. Michael Bueno:** No report.
- c) **CAL Fire: Batt. Chief Paul Lee:** i) 32 calls for service last month, half for medical. ii) Check your home for leaks. Electrical house fires are caused by water leaks. iii) Road closures are occurring for safety. Moving water can move your car. iv) Two kids caught trying to get into San Luis Creek. Move kids away from water hazards. v) Staffing: 5 additional engines all winter. Crews are doing Ontario Ridge project work. vi) Christmas trees should be removed. vii) Looking for paid call volunteers for firefighting.
- d) **County Supervisor Adam Hill:** i) Submit request for AVAC funding. ii) Board to discuss Phillips 66 appeal; Cannabis cultivation and resolution with PG&E.
- e) **Planning: Sara Sanders:** i) Avila issue with construction violations is high priority. ii) Four updates from spreadsheet: #14/ Caruso/ Lot Line Adjustment Howell/30 day review: #7/Caruso/ Lot Line Adjustment/Serenade Homes/ approved: #10/Brown/ Chevron/on hold; #11/Sanders/SLO County/Community Plan Update/Cal Poly intern is doing a mapping project for the Avila Update. Next Avila Community Plan Update meeting Feb 9, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

iii) Steve Ford in Squire Canyon on Howell Lot Line Adjustment wants to hear about status of those two parcels. Lot line adjustment would affect water resources and neighbors are very concerned and have followed process for years. Ralph Gordon, Squire Canyon resident and CSD member comments that project developer has tried to by-pass Squire Canyon CSD. They want to be sure to have referral back to the CSD. Wallace Group is representing the land owners. Underlying issue is that 10 years ago a subdivision map was submitted to Planning. Lenthall met with them. Bottom piece of land drilled several well casings by the creek. Why are so many wells required? AVAC consensus to move discussion to Squire Canyon for Kirt Collins, this agenda.

iv) a) Sara said she would add dates when information holds were established to the monthly Projects chart. b) She also said she would look into whether there might be a systemic problem about construction staging areas not being established during the development review process.

- f) **Public Works: Genaro Diaz, P.E.** i) Parking & drainage issue on S. side of San Miguel. PW cannot reach consensus with owners. County crews will begin work in the summer. Parking will be lost. ii) Silt and drainage in gutters in Avila. Contact PW when gutters need to be cleaned. iii) Construction staging is being followed up for 2nd Street issues. iv) No Parking in Bike Lane signage has been posted. v) Mary El Hansen, AVAC, is requesting illumination at Ontario and San Luis Bay Drive. This has been months in study. What is status of this project?
- a) **Genaro Diaz, Capital Projects Mgr. CAL Trans-101/Avila Beach Drive Interchange Project:** 805-781-5279, gdiaz@co.slo.ca.us. Update: CAL Trans has four phases: PA&ED (Project Approval & Environment Document) in the process: County will pursue any grants and funds--\$4-7 M for round-about alternatives. Intersection control evaluation came up with round-about. A better alternative may be found. Critical issue is getting this project moving. Park & Ride will be included with 50 spaces and a bus stop.

b) **Airlin Singewald, Sr. Planner, SLO County, Land Use: Amendment for Ag Ponds & Reservoir:**

Contact: Airlin at asingewald@co.slo.ca.us. Steve McMasters also attends. The issue arose with massive clear-cutting and ag pond development in Paso Robles. Neighbors were concerned there had been no consideration for ground water wells. An Urgency Ordinance for Ag ponds was approved July 15, 2016 by Board of Sups, putting an emergency hold on future projects.

ii) There are two resources conservation districts in our County. They were created to work with farmers on conservations programs. Problems in Adelaide area created awareness of *no public process*. In North County 9 of 10 ponds are for ag irrigation. Offsets will be created for water losses.

iii) Emergency ordinance will be in place until May 14 2017. Larger ponds create more water evaporation. They are proposing January 24 update to Board. iv) Planning Commission hearing Feb. 23; Bd. of Sups hearing tentatively April 2017.

iv) This ordinance would not be applicable for the Ontario King project AVAC has been monitoring. This only applies to ag ponds on ag zoned property in the Inland zone. Minimum pond is 1 acre foot (326,000 gallons). Coastal zone has more stringent requirements.

7. **Community Liaisons:**

a) **Avila Beach Civic Association: Lisa Newton:** Bingo Spaghetti Night, Feb. 3. Everyone welcome.

b) **Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Cohen:** Unveiling of Life Guard Tower art project is on hold due to weather. Tentative date of February 10th for unveiling.

c) **Port San Luis: Andrew Lueker:** See Port report under "Port" below. She is in D.C. on Port business.

d) **PG&E/Diablo Canyon: John Shoals:** No report.

8. **AVAC Committee:**

a) **Land Use: Sherri Danoff:** Ken Thompson has joined committee. Mike Britton says Avila Circulation Study is being redrafted and an environmental document is being prepared.

b) **Diablo: Ken Thompson:** Independent Safety Committee meets April 8 & 9 for presentation by PG&E. Agenda to be provided soon. Plant tour is also available. More info to come.

c) **Port: Mary Matakovich: Andrea Leuker in D.C.** i) Interview process for a new Chief Harbor Patrol Officer on-going. ii) There is an open Harbor Patrol Officer position with the recruitment closing on January 20th. iii) The Property Committee will be having a preliminary discussion regarding dogs on the beaches on Thursday, January 12th at the Coastal Gateway building beginning at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be to discuss the existing ordinance and provide input. There will be *no action* from this meeting, but perhaps recommendations for the Board to consider. iv) The Harbor Commissioner, at a Special Meeting on January 3, 2017, agreed to assignment of the Olde Port Fisheries Lease to Butch and Barbara Powers. v) The Avila Beach Public Art Lifeguard Tower Mural Community Celebration scheduled for Saturday, January 14th has been postponed due to a delay on installation caused by rain. We will keep you posted on a new date.

d) **Avila Beach: Ken San Filippo:** No report.

e) **San Luis Bay Estates: Jim Hartig:** No report.

f) **Avila Valley: Julia Hartzell :** Ontario Rd. development—Code Enforcement should be made aware of concerns as they happen.

- g) **See Canyon: Denise Allen:** No report.
- h) **Squire Canyon: Kirt Collins:** Roy Howell Trust has applied for a Lot Line Adjustment between two parcels approximately 9 acres and 30 acres, resulting in 5 acres and 35 acres. It is under a 30 day review. The project is #14 on the Planning spread sheet for AVAC. It will be referred to AVAC. Squire Canyon residents have been following this development for 10 years and feel left out and have asked to be included in Planning Department review.

Representing the Howell Trust is Jeremy Freund, The Wallace Group 6123 Clarion Court, SLO, 805-544-4011, jeremyf@wallacegroup.us ; here to help address concerns for Lot Line Adjustment. Underlying lot land owners, Howells and Floyd, want to be out of the deal. 35 acres go to Floyds, 5 acres to Howell. No development being proposed in the flat acres. Currently just trying to separate land deals for the families.

- i) **Ad Hoc Committees: RMS, Jim Hartig:** No report.

9. **Next meeting date:** February 13, 2017

10. **Adjourn:**

Respectfully Submitted:
Karla Bittner, Secretary